

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
STANDARDIZED HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY PERMIT, SERIES C

at

UNIQUE PREMIUM METALS
640 SOUTH HILL STREET SUITE 743, LOS ANGELES, CA 90014

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
January 30, 2006 through March 15, 2006

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to comment on the draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series C (Permit) for Unique Premium Metals Inc. (UPM). The Permit, if approved, will authorize the storage and treatment of jewelry polishing dust, a hazardous waste in California due to metal contents, routinely generated off-site. The polishing dust is comprised of polishing compound containing fatty acid and wax mixed with metal dust. The dust is regulated as hazardous in California because it is a fine powder containing metals (copper, barium, nickel, zinc, silver) that typically exceed the regulatory levels. The dust waste also contains silica from the polishing compound. The Permit will allow UPM to store fifteen 30-gallon drums (approximately 1,500 pounds) of incoming dusts and six 55-gallon drums (approximately 1,500 pounds) of processed dust, and will allow UPM to use two (2) small melting kilns (furnaces), two (2) ball mills, two (2) screen sieves, and one (1) blender.

UPM operates in a suite on the 7th floor of the St. Vincent Center Building at 640 South Hill Street, Los Angeles in an area of Downtown Los Angeles known as the Jewelry District. This area is surrounded by office buildings, jewelry manufacturers and retailers. DTSC has evaluated UPM's hazardous waste operations and its potential environmental effects under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and determined that UPM's operation will not cause significant effects to public health or the environment. Subsequently, DTSC has prepared a Notice of Exemption.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The public will have 45 days from January 30, 2006 to provide comments to DTSC concerning the draft Permit.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

The draft Permit is available for review and comment at the following locations. Additionally, the Notice of Exemption, permit application and operation plan are available for review only at the same locations:

Los Angeles Central Library
630 W. 5th Street,
Science & Technology Section
Los Angeles, CA 90071
M-Th 10:00pm-8:00 pm
F-Sat 10:00am-6:00pm
Sun 1:00pm-5:00pm
213-228-7000

Department of Toxic Substances Control
1011 Grandview Avenue
Glendale, CA 91201
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Please send comments to Ms. Amber Harmon, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94710-2721, or aharmon@dtsc.ca.gov. All comments must be submitted in writing or via electronic mail. Comments must be postmarked or received via e-mail no later than March 15, 2006. Should you need additional information, please contact Ms. Amber Harmon via e-mail or at 510-540-3779.

INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

TDD users can obtain information about this site by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak with Ms. Amber Harmon at 510-540-3779.